

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO *ex rel.*  
State Engineer,

Plaintiff,  
v.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,  
  
Defendants.

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69cv07941 JEC-ACE  
RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM  
Rio Nutrias, Section 3

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS**

COMES NOW Abel Valdez (please print your full name)  
ABEL VALDEZ

and answers the complaint as follows:

Subfile No

CHNU-002-0011

Object



Claim No Right



1. In answer to Complaint: For each subfile listed above, please **initial** in one of the two boxes to indicate whether you object to the description of water right(s) contained in the State's proposed Consent Order, or whether you make no claim as to the water right(s) described in the State's proposed Consent Order.

If you object to the description of water right(s) and reject the State's proposed Consent Order, or if you make no claim as to the water right(s) set forth in the State's proposed Consent Order for any of the Subfile Numbers listed above, for each such Subfile Number please explain in the appropriate spaces below.

I object to the description of the water right(s) described by Subfile Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ because

I still say we do have water rights, my  
Dad use to irrigate all them sections

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My Dad divided the property among the three of us me, Joe and Margie. Joe's been irrigating his part, I haven't irrigated my part for about 2 years. but we still need water for pasture for our animals. I don't think it's right to take our rights just to give them to some one else down south. I know that's what they're trying to do. It probably won't do me any good to express myself, what's one person against thousands.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

I made a good faith effort to resolve my disagreement with the State's proposed Consent Order by


(Attach additional pages if necessary)

I claim no right for the water right(s) described by Subfile Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ because

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

2. I understand that by making this claim and filing this document I am not waiving my rights to later raise, in an Amended Answer, any jurisdictional or affirmative defenses I may have.

Dated: 6-9-02

  
(Signature - ABEL VALDEZ)

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**IMPORTANT: If you have been served with a summons and copy of the complaint in this action, or if you have waived service of process, you must file an answer in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico by December 28, 2001. Any right you may have to use waters of the stream system may be adjudicated by default judgment in conformity with the State's proposed Consent Order if you fail to file an answer by December 28, 2001. The court's address is: 333 Lomas NW, Suite 270, Albuquerque, NM 87102, or P.O. Box 2384, Santa Fe, NM 87504. A copy of the answer filed with the district court must also be sent to the Office of the State Engineer, Legal Services Division, P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102.**